

# IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Market Station Caboose Room 500 Market Station 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2018
- 4. Community Comments
- 5. New Business/Action Items:
  - a. Superintendent of Santa Fe Public Schools, Veronica Garcia
- 6. Old Business:
  - a. Subcommittee Updates:
    - Welcoming Communities
    - Education
    - Social Media & Communications
    - Refugee Resettlement
    - Police Department
- 7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
- 8. Report from Staff
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# Immigration Committee Minutes DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED – MAY 8, 2018

Frances Lucero, Stenographer

# IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:30 pm -5:35 pm

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Alejandra Seluja, called the meeting to order for the Immigration Committee at 4:30 pm at the City of Santa Fe Market Station. Roll call reflects a quorum.

PRESENT:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair Maria Cristina Lopez Susan Hayre Amparo Guerrero Marcela Diaz Jewel Cabeza de Vaca Javier Rios

NOT PRESENT:

Elizabeth Hemmer

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Victor Vigil, Community Services Staff Lt. Judah Montano, SFPD Ivan Cornejo, Capital High Schools Fran Lucero, Stenographer

# 2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair would like to introduce a topic: Governor's Race - Candidates in the Primary and how they will protect the rights of the Immigrants in the state if they are elected. Recommendation would be to create a questionnaire. To be discussed under matters from the Committee members.

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#### 4. Community Comments

None

#### 5. New Business/Action Items

a. Superintendent of Santa Fe Public Schools, Veronica Garcia Superintendent was unable to attend meeting today. Invitation will be extended to a future date that can accommodate her schedule. Staff direction is to extend a future invitation and if a special meeting date is needed to accommodate her schedule, the committee members would like to do that.

Ms. Guerrero said that when a speaker or presenter has been invited, she would like staff to confirm with the individual to assure they are going to attend. It would be nice to know that they are not attending. In the event that there had been community members here it would have been disappointing.

#### 6. Old Business:

a. Subcommittee Updates:

#### • Welcoming Communities

Ms. Hayre noted that Welcoming Communities has not been in contact with us regarding next steps since membership has been paid.

Ms. Hayre and Ms. Diaz noted that the Immigration Committee has created a sub-committee for deliberation on the training Agenda for the Police Department. Once the draft agenda is created they will bring it to the full committee for review and approval. It was recommended that Lt. Montano also be included in the planning process.

The Intergovernmental-working group will be meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> as part of the Resolution. Location to be determined. Many showed interest to attend the meeting. Ms. Diaz explained that if it is an open meeting this would cover the question on quorum. The Immigration Committee

members would like to have it posted so there is no question on their attendance.

The committee members would like to have staff follow up with Mr. Martinez on the questions asked on Guidelines and Procedures, language access programs and bi-lingual tracking.

#### • Education

Maria Cristina Lopez: Talked about an incident at the Courts where a student from Capital High needed an interpreter. This situation showed how the immigrant students are not being served; this student has been here for over 1 year. Mr. Cornejo said that there is a need.

# Social Media & Communications

Javier Rios, Jewel Cabeza de Vaca and Chris Sanchez met on 5/7/18 to discuss the importance of the Social Media and Communications subcommittee. (Exhibit C)

Web-site samples were reviewed and very promising for the Immigration Committee to mirror and provide information as a link to the city website. If you share on social media you can link resources to the city website. Mr. Rios said that Social Media provides a great opportunity to share information. It was also recommended that the Bio's should be consistent and more professional for public viewing. Ms. Cabeza de Vaca and Mr. Rios stated that they will be meeting once a month and are excited about growing Social Media & Communications. Committee descriptions in Exhibit C will be updated, i.e., Refugee Settlement Committee status will be discussed at next month meeting.

# • Refugee Resettlement

No report

#### • Police Department

Lt. Montano: Paid Spanish Speakers, 22 positions, officers speak and write Spanish. There is another program for those who speak Spanish but don't write and there are 9 staff members.

Chief Padilla has contacted Sheila Lewis on some UVisa's but not all of them.

Ms. Guerrero asked about follow up on the case that was brought forth by a constituent (RV) on an incident at a school with her child and the Immigration Committee members were waiting for a report from the Police Department. The Steno provided Lt. Montano with additional information and the follow up is 1) for the letter received in Spanish be

translated to English and provided to the Chief and 2) the Lt. Montano to report at the next meeting on any follow up with this case.

#### 7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

#### Camp Corazon - Jewel Cabeza de Vaca

Spoke about the program for the children (age 5-12) affected by HIV. This is the  $23^{rd}$  year that this camp has bee in effect and operated by volunteers. The camp for the last 7 years has been held at the National Guard. (Exhibit B) Mission and Goal of Camp Corazones as well as the dates for this year camp, July 19-22, 2018. Ms. Cabeza de Vaca extended an invitation to the Immigration Committee members to attend. This camp is offered free to the kids and their families and they do submit an application. This camp is not only for children or families who have experienced HIV. If the parents want to go by the camp to visit their kids they are allowed to do that and they stay with their kids. Applications were shared for the kids and the families.

Governor's Candidate Questionnaire: Staff direction is to place on next month agenda as an action item. Immigration Committee should be aware of how the candidates for Governor think. Recommendation is to create a questionnaire and present to the Gubernatorial Candidates to respond.

The Chair spoke about a difficulty she had experienced at TRD when she applied for a DAC. They questioned why she did not want to get a REAL ID and she expressed why. By the time she got to the last person she was told she could not get a DAC, but at the end of the process she did get it.

Ms. Diaz talked about the Department Homeland Security and TSA, primarily the Department of Homeland Security has made it very clear that despite the misinformation they gave you at TRD/ MVD that you cannot board a plane or enter a Federal Building with a DAC, that is not true. You can enter a federal public building, you can enter military bases – the only thing is you cannot enter a military base, or a federal building or board a plane with their local license is American Samoa. Every other state can because they are either an extension or the deadline has been kicked to October 20, 2020. At least until October 20, 2020 you can use your DAC to fly. That being said, it is on the TSA website as well as the DHS website.

Ms. Diaz talked about a hearing on Friday – SOMOS un Pueblo Unido is suing the state for a temporary restraining order for requiring a social security number or an I-10, that is an illegal regulation that is not based on the statute; they are seeking an injunction in front of Judge Thompson. Also, they are not provided any means to appeal a denial. Also, they should never have required to provide a social security number or a I-10 to get the DAC. Ms.

Diaz told the Chair, they should not have discouraged you from getting a DAC so that you wouldn't be without a license at an given time.

Discussion on Refugee Resettlement Sub-committee: Next month agenda.

The Chair is creating the report to the Mayor and asked for input from the Immigration Committee members. Report will be inclusive for 2 years.

June 19th, 4:30 pm – Due to committee members being absent for the next regularly scheduled meeting, request to be re-scheduled from June 5th to June 19th. Ms. Hayre and Ms. Guerrero will not be here for next meeting. Check on date with Superintendent to see if she can come on the 19th.

# Next Month Agenda:

- Gubernatorial Questionnaire
- Discussion on vacancies and recommendations to the Mayor based on applicant interest.
- Follow up from Police Department on constituent concern.

# 8. Report from Staff

Mr. Chris Sanchez, Staff Liaison reported that Ms. Hemmer has been contacted and she sends her regrets that she will be resigning.

Maria Jose Ugalde has also resigned.

Ivan Cornejo submitted his letter to the Mayor and provided a brief description on himself. (Exhibit A)

Ms. Amparo Guerrero recommended Sandrine Gallard and the Director from Adelante is also interested in sending her letter of interest.

# 9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Alejandra Seluja, Chair

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Re: Immigration Committee of the City of Santa Fe

Dear Mayor Webber,

My name is Ivan Cornejo, I was born and semi raised in Aguascalientes, Mexico. Following my parent's dreams, I immigrated to the Unites States in 1999 along with my siblings seeking a better life opportunity. Ever since, I have taken upon myself to succeed professionally and personally to validate the effort my family made to cross the border. For the past 15 years, I have been actively serving our community here in the city of Santa Fe as a volunteer through many organizations such as: Somos Un Pueblo Unido, Santa Fe Living Wage Network, SFCC Student Ambassadors and the NM Dream Team, to mention a few.

Through this letter I extend my interest to you to serve as part of the Immigration Committee in our city. As a social worker for a non-profit organization (Communities in Schools of NM) and an advocate for our immigrant community, I look forward to collaborate, serve and educate about the rights and wrap-around services for our minority groups in this town.

Best,

Ívan J Cornejo

Exhibit A

CAMP DIRECTOR
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS
REGISTERED NURSES
MASSAGE THERAPISTS





ECOME A VOLUNTEEER COUNSELOR R PROVIDER (Counselors must pass background check)
ELLP WITH FUND-RAISING (Contact s for guidance, materials and information)
IAKE A DONATION
Money, materials and services are lways needed and appreciated)

Camp Corazones is located on the spacious grounds of:

An exciting partnership with Boys and Girls Club, Inc. and the New Mexico Army National Guard, makes this sprawling, adventure-filled campus available to us. Campers sleep in large, quonset canvas tents, complete with wooden floors, electricity and air conditioning. Showers and bathroom facilities are a short walk from the tents.







JULY 19, 20, 21, 22, 2018

